





### TOUR ITINERARY



Europe / Italy / Dolomites

# **Dolomites Bike + Adventure Tour**

Alpine Luxury Amidst Wildflowers, Lakes, and Majestic Mountains

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend two luxurious nights in Cortina, host of the 1956 Winter Olympics and featured in the classic James Bond film, *For Your Eyes Only*
- Hike the panoramic ridgeline from Valparola to the Pralongia plateau on a trail encircled by towering peaks and carpeted in colorful wildflowers
- Explore the sobering and still-intact tunnels, trenches, and bunkers of WWI on the Passo Falzarego
- Dine in a secluded mountain chalet in Alta Badia as the sun sinks behind the Alps
- Pedal through vineyards, peaceful pastures, and picture-perfect mountain villages on car-free bike paths











#### ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

#### **Arrival Details**

- Airport City:
- Milan or Venice, Italy
- Pick-Up Location: Bolzano Train Station
- © Pick-Up Time: 10:30 am

## **Departure Details**

- Airport City:
- Milan or Venice, Italy
- Drop-Off Location: Venice Mestre Train Station
- © Drop-Off Time: 1:00 pm

**NOTE:** DuVine provides group transfers to and from the tour from the pick-up and drop-off locations stated on the itinerary. In the event your train, flight, or other travel falls outside the arrival or departure times or locations, you may be responsible for extra costs incurred in arranging a separate transfer.

## **Emergency Assistance**

For urgent assistance on your way to tour or while on tour, please always contact your guides first. You may also contact the Boston office during business hours at +1 617 776 4441 or emergency@duvine.com.

#### **Travelers Take Note**

Note that air conditioning may not be standard in hotels in this area.

For the hikes on this tour, we strongly recommend bringing hiking boots or trail shoes with good traction (not running shoes or sneakers) and hiking poles. Moisture-wicking clothing or daypacks are also recommended, but not required.



## Tour By Day



## **Gudon and Bressanone**

Your guides will pick you up in Bolzano and transfer you to the starting point for our ride, high above the Isarco Valley. Cycle through mountain pastures with incredible views across the valley, where towns cling to hillsides dotted with narrow church steeples. Enjoy regional wine and local specialties for lunch in the village of Gudon at a historic tavern in the shadow of a medieval castle. After lunch, we'll pedal along the Isarco River to Bressanone, a vibrant city with an incredible medieval core. Transfer or challenge yourself with an extra ride up to our alpine design hotel where you'll have time to enjoy the pool or spa before dinner.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: San Pietro, Laion, Gudon, Bressanone

**Accomplished**: 18 miles / 29 km, elevation gain: 945 feet / 288 meters **Longer Option:** 22 miles / 36 km, elevation gain: 2,289 feet / 698 meters

**Accommodations: My Arbor** 



## Abbey of Novacella and Val Pusteria

Say goodbye to Bressanone as we ride out of town along the Isarco River to the historic monastery of Novacella. Explore the grounds where monks have been making wine since 1142 before continuing our ride upstream. We will pass through the small towns of the Val Pusteria on our way to lunch at a mountain chalet. After lunch, opt to keep riding up the valley, or take a quick shuttle to our next luxury hotel in the alpine village of San Cassiano. Fill your lungs with mountain air and listen to a distant cowbell serenade as we settle into this fairytale landscape.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Abbey of Novacella, Chienes, San Cassiano

**Accomplished**: 29 miles / 46 km, elevation gain: 2,903 feet / 885 meters **Longer Option:** 38 miles / 62 km, elevation gain: 4,238 feet / 1,292 meters

**Accommodations: Hotel Fanes** 



# The Amphitheater of the Dolomites

Today we leave our bikes behind for a hike that will knock your socks off. Starting from a trailhead just outside of San Cassiano, our route takes us along a scenic mountain ridgeline, weaving in and out of larch forests and between jagged rock formations. We may even glimpse the curious resident marmots peering up from their burrows beneath blankets of wildflowers. Our trek culminates at the Pralongia Plateau, a high mountain meadow known as the "amphitheater of the Dolomites" for its panoramic views of the surrounding peaks. Savor lunch with a view before catching a cable car back to the hotel. This evening we'll enjoy an incredible mountain dinner with a local farm family.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner Destinations: Valparola, Pralongia Accomplished: 3-5 hours hiking Accommodations: Hotel Fanes



# **Dobbiaco and Cortina**

We're back on the bikes this morning! Starting from the Passo Furcia, we'll descend into the valley below as ski lifts give way to farmland. Pedal along the valley floor and explore the typical Tyrolean towns of Villabassa and Dobbiaco, known for its Baroque church. After lunch in Dobbiaco, we cross the linguistic border to enter Italian-speaking territory. From here, you may transfer or opt for a longer ride over a gradual mountain pass to Cortina—queen of Italian mountain resort towns—and our next boutique hotel. Tonight you are free to dine at the hotel or in town; your guides are happy to recommend the perfect restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

Destinations: Passo Furcia, Villabassa, Dobbiaco, Cortina

**Accomplished**: 20 miles / 32 km, elevation gain: 1,633 feet / 498 meters **Longer Option**: 37 miles / 60 km, elevation gain: 2,641 feet / 805 meters

Accommodations: Hotel de Len or Faloria Spa Resort

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# In the Footsteps of the Great War

From 1915 to 1918, the peaks above Cortina became the center of a desperate battle between the Italian and Austro-Hungarian armies. Our hike from Passo Falzarego leads us to the remaining tunnels, bunkers, and traces of this incredible history. The combination of natural beauty and historical interest makes for a fascinating excursion. At the top of the mountain, stop for lunch at a refuge well-known for its gourmet fare before continuing the loop back down to the road. In the afternoon, relax at the spa or explore Cortina before a final farmhouse dinner where the focus is on locally sourced and foraged ingredients.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Passo Falzarego, Lagazuoi

**Accomplished**: 4-5 hours hiking

Accommodations: Hotel de Len or Faloria Spa Resort



# Departure

This morning you can choose to relax at your hotel or take a final ride down the valley to Calalzo di Cadore. From Calalzo or the hotel, we will transfer you to Venice as you continue on to your next destination.

Meals: Breakfast

Destinations: San Vito, Borca di Cadore, Calalzo, Venice

Optional Ride: 22 miles / 36 km, elevation gain: 738 feet / 225 meters

